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Applicant: Paul Richardson

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For: STABLE HYGROSCOPIC  
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR  
STABILIZING HYGROSCOPIC  
INGREDIENTS

Dated: March 14, 2002

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF  
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATED GRANTED

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted, dated February 6, 2002, enclosed herewith are the following:

1. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted.
2. A check in the amount of \$786.00 covering the basic filing fee of \$370.00, fee for additional claims of \$351.00 and the surcharge of \$65.00 for filing a late oath or declaration as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) for a small entity.
3. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventor.

Applicant submits that small entity status was claimed in the Nonprovisional Patent Application Transmittal letter filed with the application on January 9, 2002.

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An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 are also being concurrently filed with this response.

An assignment document executed by the inventor is also being concurrently filed with this response in a separate correspondence to the Assignment Division, along with the required Recordation Form Cover Sheet and fee of \$40.00.

If any additional fees are due or an overpayment has been made, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2461 or credit our Deposit Account for such sum. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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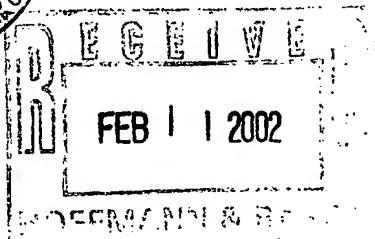
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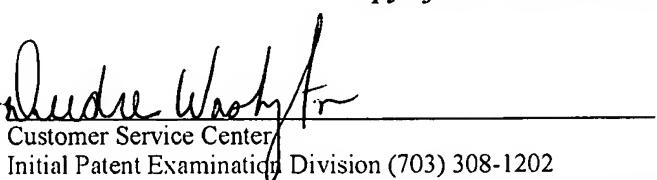
An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$702.
  - \$702 for 39 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1572.

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